

CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM

Pennsylvania

French Creek Watershed

KESTREL SELF-ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire provides a way of rating your property for the important wildlife species for this watershed. American kestrel represents a group of birds that are in decline. These species have declined primarily because of the combination of a lack of nesting sites (hollow trees) and a lack of grass areas supporting the small animals and insects on which they feed.

These questions help determine if the land you wish to enroll in the Conservation Security Program (CSP) meets quality criteria for a wildlife Resource Management System (RMS). Please read and answer each question by checking Yes or No.

- | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
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| 1. Is at least five percent (five acres per 100 acres) of the land you are offering to enroll forest land, with the majority of the trees over one foot in diameter? This forest land must be within ½ mile (2,600 ft.) the <u>farthest</u> point of offered land. | ___ | ___ |
| 2. If the answer to question No. 1 is “No,” have you installed at least one kestrel nest box per 100 acres* you are offering to enroll? | ___ | ___ |
| 3. Is at least 30 percent (30 acres per 100 acres) of the land you are offering to enroll either pasture, grass hay, mixed hay (grasses & legumes, with at least 50% grasses), other grass areas, field borders, or small grain harvested for grain? Pasture, grass hay, mixed hay, other grass areas and field borders must be at least 15 percent of the total offered land. | ___ | ___ |
| 4. Are tree lines, power lines, or forest land within 2,000 ft. of all of the pasture, hayland, other grass areas, field borders, or small grain in Question No. 3? | ___ | ___ |

* One nest box up to 100 acres, two nest boxes for 101 acres to 200 acres, etc.